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An English-language abstract of EP 0 000 507 has been provided.

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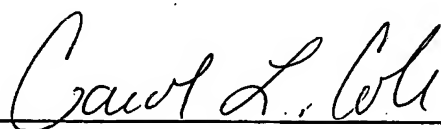
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Respectfully submitted,

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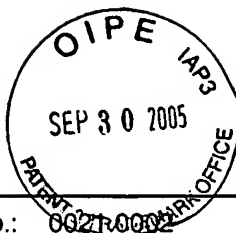
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